



Parish Week

Sunday,
1 April 2018

HOLY SATURDAY, 31 Mar.

7.00 pm Easter Vigil Liturgy (Pro Populo)
- RCIA Initiation into Church

EASTER SUNDAY, 1 Apr. / *The Resurrection of the Lord*

■ Homilist: Elisa Chachati

■ Two Collections: (a) Offertory; (b) Easter

9.00 am Mass: † John Fritz (wife Valerie)
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Caterina Abate (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 2 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Pearl Illagaratne (family)
7.00 pm Mass: † Kitty Paes (friends)
7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 3 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Josefa Uyguangco
(Don & Jacqueline Gonzales)

Wednesday, 4 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Aleluia & Gloria D'Cunha (family)

Thursday, 5 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Jose Magallanes (Maria)
7.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Inconronata Morra

Friday, 6 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: Leonora Paez (Baby & Cesar Cortez)
6.00 pm Holy Hour
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Anita Dias (friends)

Saturday, 7 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Noel Fernando (Erma)
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Mukesh & Mina Kapadia,
39th Wedding Anniversary
- RCIC Easter Octave Initiation

SUNDAY, 8 APRIL / EASTER 2-B / DIVINE MERCY

■ Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

9.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving, 35th Wedding Anniversary,
Gracious Andreas family
10.30 am Mass: † Rita Lemos (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Petrocinio & Wendelina Perez (family)
1.30 pm Infant Baptisms
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

Easter Sunday, Year B

Acts 10.34-43; Colossians 3.1-4; John 20.1-18

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

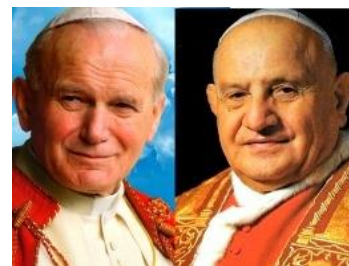
Jose Barraza, Margaret Wood
Suzanne Beard

The 17 victims of the shooting at
Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida



Our Friends

Let us pray for the intercession of **Saint Pope John XXIII** and **Saint John Paul II**, who were canonized on 27 April 2014. Pope John XXIII died 3 June 1963; Pope John Paul II died 2 April 2005. May their powerful intercession guide us daily.



Pope Benedict:
91st Birthday, 16 April

Let us remember in our prayers today **Pope Benedict XVI**, who celebrates his 91st birthday on 16 April. May God continue to protect him and bless his prayer for the Church.

Easter Collections

1 April: Offertory and Easter

On 1 April, the first collection taken by the Greeters will be for the *Regular Sunday Offertory*.

The second collection, after Communion, will be for the *Easter Sunday* collection for our special Church needs.

COMING UP

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12 Apr. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)
20 Apr. Wedding: Villardo – Meija (12 pm)
22 Apr. 2nd ShareLife Appeal;
- St. Albert School 1st Communion Mass (2:30 pm);
- Finance Committee (7.40 pm)
23 Apr. 50th Wedding Anniversary: Ted & Vicky (3:00 pm)
28 Apr. 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*;
29 Apr. - Repair & Renewal Report;
- St. Maria Goretti School 1st Communion Mass (2:30 pm)
3 May St. Maria Goretti School Confirmation Mass (7:00 pm);
- Knights of Columbus (7:30 pm)
6 May 2nd Collection: *Pope's Works (Papal Charities)*
7 May Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)

ShareLife 2018

You can work wonders !

Easter Sunday, 1 April

*Living the Gospel by evangelizing
in the greater world*



GIA LAO PARISH is situated in the mountainous Diocese of Xuan Loc in Vietnam. Its parishioners, who are mostly poor, work on the hillside farms. The *Toronto Pastoral Mission Fund*, with the support of *ShareLife*, provided a grant so the parish could acquire resources it could not otherwise provide. This includes Bibles and hymnals, along with training for 60 catechists who lead marriage preparation and catechism classes. With your support, Gia Lao Church is bringing faith to a community in the greater world.

April 22 is the next *ShareLife Appeal Sunday*.
Please give generously. *You can work wonders !*

Sacramental Preparation

Remember in your prayers our parish youth who are preparing for their *First Holy Communion* and *Confirmation*:

4 April: **St. Albert Confirmation Instruction #3**

5 April: **St. Maria G. Confirmation Instruction #3**

14 & 16 April: **St. Albert School
1st Holy Communion Instruction #3**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

21 April SATURDAY CLASS: Mass at 5.00 pm

22 April ST. ALBERT SCHOOL: Mass at 2.30 pm

29 April ST. MARIA GORETTI SCHOOL: Mass at 2.30 pm

CONFIRMATION

3 May ST. MARIA GORETTI SCHOOL: Mass at 7.00 pm

10 May ST. ALBERT SCHOOL & RCIC: Mass at 7.00 pm

Easter Flowers

*Many thanks to all who donated to obtain
the 2018 Easter Flowers for our
Sanctuary. Due to printing deadlines, the
list of donors will appear in the next
bulletin. May God bless you and your
families during this Easter Season!*



Congratulations

To the SCARBOROUGH ONTARIO SENIORS ASSOCIATION, who participated in the 12th Annual Hawaii Choral Festival. SOSA, headed by **Carol Banez**, was awarded a Certificate of Commendation by the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii, March 2018.

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

For information on the *Holy Name of Jesus* and the new Feast of *Mary, Mother of the Church*, see the bulletin on our website.

Pastor's Easter Message



**Jesus is Risen !
He is truly Risen !**

To be a Christian is to believe that Jesus is risen! Our identity is defined by the Resurrection. Our faith is a commitment to life. Easter is our New Passover, the Day on which the Lord appeared to those who had begun to lose hope, and opened their eyes to what the Scriptures had foretold. May the Risen Lord breathe on our minds and on our eyes, that we may know him in the Breaking of the Bread, and follow him in his risen life. May the peace of the Risen Lord be with us always.

Fr. Edwin Galea, Pastor

Fr. Elias Chachati, Associate

Rev. Mr. Ramon Villardo, Deacon

RCIA, RCIC



Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

Pray for all in our parish R.C.I.A. process, who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation at the 7 pm Easter Vigil Liturgy, 31 March 2018; and the youth in our parish R.C.I.C. process, who will celebrate their Initiation at the 5 pm Easter Octave Mass, 7 April. Due to publishing deadlines, the names will appear in the bulletin following the Initiations.

Divine Mercy 8 April

Divine Mercy Sunday, the 2nd Sunday in the Easter Season, was a special day for **St. Pope John Paul II**, who established the feast in 2000. Its origins date back to Polish nun **St. Faustina Kowalska** (1905-1938), who had a devotion to the Divine Mercy after a powerful personal spiritual encounter with Jesus. In visions and conversations with Jesus, St. Faustina said Jesus asked her specifically for a feast of Divine Mercy to be established so that humankind would take refuge in Jesus. St. Pope John Paul II died on the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday in 2005. The theme of mercy is also central to the pontificate of **Pope Francis**.

Changes for our Parish Records

Please notify the Parish Office at 416-261-0076, if you have a change of address. A simple phone call will keep our parish records updated, and would be very much appreciated.

☺ Your Sabbath Smile

Donald is walking out of the White House and heading toward his limo, when an assassin jumps forward and aims a gun.

A secret service agent, new on the job, shouts "Mickey Mouse!" This startles the assassin and he is captured.

Later, the secret service agent's supervisor takes him aside and asks, "Whatever made you shout 'Mickey Mouse?'"

The agent replies, "I got nervous. I meant to shout 'Donald, duck!'"

The Feast of the HOLY NAME

Each year, on January 3, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Why have a feast in honour of a name? Because names matter. They matter a lot, because they represent and make present the one who is named.

On a purely human level, names matter. We call a person's name, and the person responds. When I sign my name on a contract, I am bound by it. When I sign my name on a cheque, money leaves my account.

Names are at the heart of our most profound experiences. When we are baptized, the celebrant says, "(name), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." When a man and a woman are joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, each says, "I (name) take you (name) to be my (husband or wife)." When a candidate is to be ordained, he is called by name, and responds, "Present", offering himself for ordination.

What is true on the human level is even more striking on the divine level. We Christians adore Jesus as our Lord and God, God with us. "Christ" is not the family name of Jesus; it is a title; "the Christ" - the Messiah, the anointed one. We affirm that Jesus is the Christ, the Lord, and we even have a special feast of Christ the King near the end of the year. "Christ" is a title expressing the majesty of Jesus.

The Holy Name of Jesus represents our Saviour, the Lord of our lives, and makes him present. When we honour his name, we honour him; when we dishonour his name, we dishonour him.

Here are some practical implications of that fact:

We should use his name reverently in prayer. I strongly urge everyone to constantly pray the "Jesus prayer": "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me a sinner."

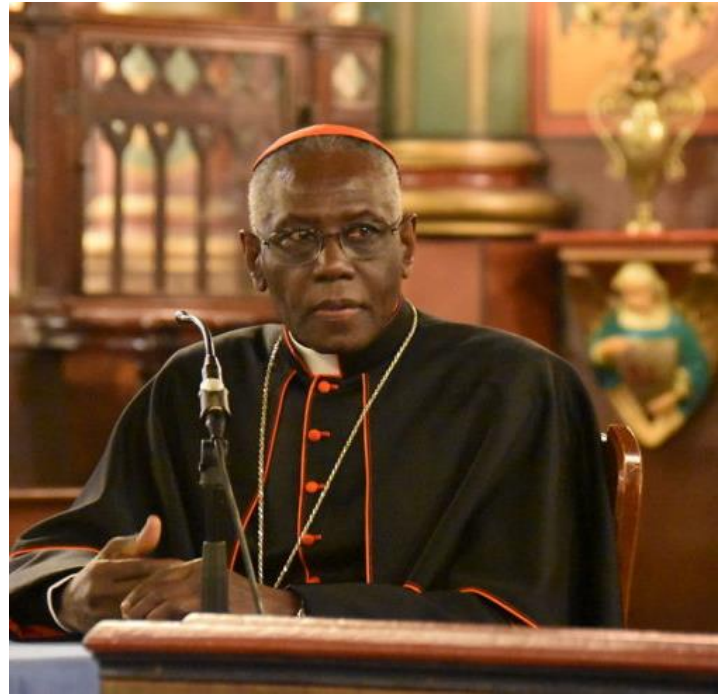
We should give some sign of our recognition that his Holy Name represents him and makes him present. When I was young, it was suggested that one bow the head when pronouncing the Holy Name of Jesus. That is a good custom, and helps a bit to remind us of the adoration which we owe to the Lord of our lives. If we can more deeply become committed to that adoration, we pray that we will more effectively make the love of Jesus present in our suffering world through our actions.

We do not mock or treat other people disrespectfully. How much more must we treat the Holy Name of our saviour with reverence? The name makes present the person who is named, and so disciples of Jesus do not use that sacred name to curse, and we do not use it in a trashy or trivial or flippant manner. We ask our friends who do not share our faith to respect the name of Jesus, as we are equally committed not to treat disrespectfully what is sacred to others.

Here is a quote from a beautiful hymn based on Philippians 2:6-11: "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, every tongue confess him king of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came; faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death he passed. In your heart's enthrone him; there let him subdue, all that is not holy, all that is not true. Look to him, your Saviour, in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and power."

- **Cardinal Thomas Collins**



[Cardinal Robert Sarah]

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

The CONGREGATION FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE SACRAMENTS has decreed the establishment of the *Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*.

The new feast will be on the Monday following Pentecost.

Cardinal Robert Sarah is the Prefect of the Congregation

Because Pentecost is a movable feast, tied to the celebration of Easter, it is possible that the new Memorial could coincide with another Memorial of a Saint or Blessed; and when this happens, the feast of *Mary, Mother of the Church*, will take precedence.

The new feast was inserted into the Universal Calendar for the Latin Church earlier this year by **Pope Francis**, in a decree dated 11 February 2018 – the 160th anniversary of the apparition of Mary at Lourdes. Previously, permission to celebrate a feast of Mary had been extended to Poland and Argentina, as well as St Peter's Basilica, and several Religious Orders and Congregations.

The title of "Mother of the Church" was famously bestowed on the Blessed Virgin Mary by **Blessed Pope Paul VI** during the Second Vatican Council. The understanding of Mary's motherhood has developed in the decades following Vatican II, especially as the Church has reflected on the Council's teaching about Mary in chapter 8 of the DOGMATIC CONSTITUTION ON THE CHURCH (*Lumen Gentium*).

Quotation of Pope Francis

"Jesus did not come to teach us good manners, how to behave well at the table! To do that, He would not have to come down from heaven and die on the Cross. Christ came to save us, to show us the way, the only way out of the quicksand of sin, and this way of holiness is mercy, that mercy which He has shown, and daily continues to show, to us. To be a saint is not a luxury. It is necessary for the salvation of the world. This is what the Lord is asking of us."

(Holy Mass with the new Cardinals, 23 February 2014)